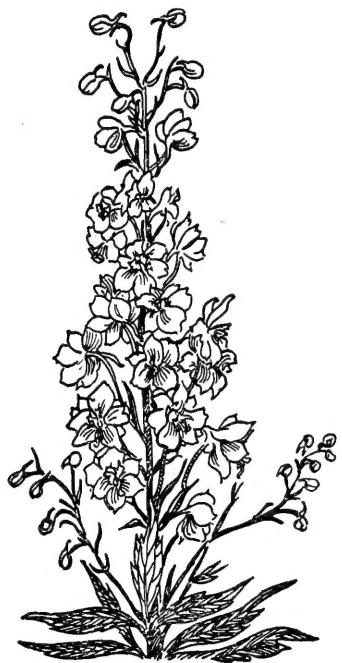
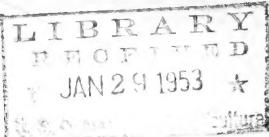


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White Flower Farm

LITCHFIELD, CONNECTICUT

SPRING, 1953



*About the Unusual . . . Comparative
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We like to think of White Flower Farm as the place where out-of-ordinary plants can be bought. This doesn't necessarily mean new ones—we are slow to offer new varieties until they have been grown and tested to our own satisfaction. We mean unusual plants. Right this minute we mean *Frais du Bois*. Those who have been to France and eaten these Strawberries of the Woods (with clotted sweet cream) wonder why on earth they can't buy them here. There are several reasons: most Americans like the biggest strawberry they can get (these are the smallest); they like to pick a bushel in half an hour (you can't do that with *Frais*); and because demand is so low strawberry growers don't grow them. So we do. Plants will be ready for shipment this fall: \$6.00 a dozen for the runner types; \$7.20 a dozen for the upright kinds, which, by the way, make a charming border plant. There won't be many available so you'd better reserve some. We will mix varieties satisfactorily for you.

By unusual we also mean Miniature Gladioli—there's a long list of these appealing and completely useful flowers which the Gladioli hobbyists leave strictly alone in their search for bigger-than-giant spikes.

No, this isn't a Lilliputian flower bazaar—we do have the biggest, fattest Tuberous-rooted Begonias that have ever come down the pike in the Camelia-Rose form. Each produces a bush. Also, we're offering named varieties in this form of Tuberous-roots. As we said, they are unusual and you can't pick them up around the corner.

Still more unusual are Cymbidium Orchids—for those who have patience and a cool room. Cymbidiums do not like high temperatures and require nothing special in soil. They are wonderfully rewarding. Ours are named, non-florist fancy varieties and for those patient gardeners who will wait for one bulb to grow into three bulbs and a flowering stalk the third year—well, there's nothing quite so satisfactory and the resulting plant will be quite valuable, too.

Friend of ours told us he'd been comparing our prices with prices in other catalogues. "What did you find?" we asked. "Well," he said, "you're higher on some." We

allowed that was possible. "But," he added, "you're lower on some, too. It's right confusing."

It may seem confusing, but you can't compare mere prices in catalogues; you must have the plants in hand. You need to compare packing methods, you ought to know when the plants were lifted from the field (ours are all shipped the same day) but the most important test of all—grow the two side by side under the same conditions. To be sure of quality we make these comparative tests constantly and seldom indeed is The Farm's stock beaten. In the instances where our prices are lower and our quality high it is always with varieties that reach optimum size quickly and cheaply. *Dicentra Eximia* is one plant of several in this category. We ship three for \$1.35 which is enough for this easily produced plant, but it is hard to find it priced for less than \$1.65. If you've been wondering about the differences in price in nursery catalogues maybe this will help clear it up.

Now to our annual plea for early orders. Item: We have to dig and ship everything within a few short spring weeks. Item: The paper work on your order must be processed and this work should be done in January through March, so that nothing stands in the way of our highly personalized preparation and shipping from April on. Item: An early order insures getting it on time regardless of weather here in Litchfield, and, if we are out of stock and can't ship a plant, we are able to notify you so you have a chance to get it elsewhere.

Oh well, no more items, but it is a fact that we're right popular locally and after May 1st the place is jammed with nice but very firm gardeners who care not a hoot what's going outside of Litchfield. So... if you want to be popular with our hard working staff and get extra, un-ordered and valuable tidbits in your package—order early.

The Partners of White Flower Farm

P. S. Be sure to see the test plantings of Daffodils and Tulips in April-May—over 4,000 Tulips and 2,000 Daffodils. It's quite a show.

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The Flowering Plants

This is the stuff perennial borders are made of. The word perennial, as applied to flowering plants like these, does not mean forever—it means these plants have a long life. Some, like an established peony, last for 25 years or more; others bloom their heads off for two or three years, get root bound and die. But in between these extremes you get lasting beauty if you pay any attention to a perennial border, and, if it's properly planted, there will be a succession of bloom from early spring to late fall.

For those who prefer a white border we have a white variety of the species if it is available in a sturdy form. The range of colored varieties is tremendous—we have stayed away from only one color, magenta; it goes with nothing including itself.

Soils for perennial plantings should be well drained, rich in phosphate and phosphorus (for root and strong stalk development), moderately rich in nitrogen (you want flowers, not great masses of over-grown green leaves). Our stock is all top-size and absolutely free from disease.

ALYSSUM

(Basket of Gold or Madwort)

Plant in ordinary, well drained soil. Use in groups of three in the rock garden or as border edging. Blooms with tulips.

Saxtile Citrinum Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50

Clusters of pale yellow flowers.

Saxtile Compactum Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.75

Ditto, but bright yellow flowers.

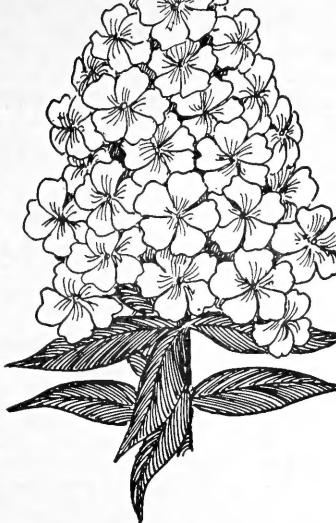
AQUILEGIA (Columbine)

These strains are all hybrids, long-spurred. They make excellent cut flowers, bloom over a period of 4 to 6 weeks beginning in early June. Use ordinary cultural procedures. All columbine are strong field grown clumps.

Chrysanth Silver Queen Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.75
Pure white. Height: 24-30 inches.

Crimson Star Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.75
Long crimson spurs, centers white tinged with red.

Mrs. Scott Elliott Hybrids Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.75
Colors range through pastel shades of lavender, blue, red, pink, cream, white. Mixed colors only.



ANCHUSA (Alkanet)

These charming early bloomers belong to the Forget-me-not order. They like a deep, well-drained soil, and not too heavy. They do best in full sun.

Dropmore Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Doz. \$7.00

Blue flowers on 4 to 5 foot spikes. Blooms all summer. Use single specimens or in groups of three about 18 inches apart.

Myosotidiflora Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65, 100 \$28.00

Clusters of flowers resembling Forget-me-nots in May-June. Likes semi-shade or sun, 12 inches. Never plant less than three of this fine dwarf.

ASTERS

(Michaelmas Daisies)

Perennial or hardy asters grow in any soil, stand up under the toughest treatment. They require full sun and lots of water. Plant fall or spring, 2 feet apart. There are scores of varieties; these have the best colors and habits of growth. All are covered with flowers from September to frost.

Harrington's Pink Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
A silvery flower, truly pink. Excellent for cutting. Height: 3-4 feet.

Janet McMullen Each \$1.00, Three \$2.55, Doz. \$7.25
Semi-double soft rose-pink flowers on 4 foot stems. Largest flower of any Aster.

Margaret Rose Each \$1.00, Three \$2.55, Doz. \$7.25
A mass of rose-pink flowers. Semi-dwarf.

Niobe Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Dwarf (only 6 inches high). Pure white. Compact neat growth.

Plenty Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Delightful semi-double light blue flowers. Height: 3-4 feet.

The Archbishop Each \$1.00, Three \$2.55, Doz. \$7.25
Huge (2-inch) semidouble blooms of deep blue-purple. Fine for cutting. A new English importation.

The Cardinal Each \$1.00, Three \$2.55, Doz. \$7.25
Also English. Brilliant reddish-rose flowers on 3 foot stems.

Victor Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Excellent blue form of Niobe.

CAMPANULA (Bellflower)

A fine group, all in white or blue shades and running from dwarf to 6 feet tall, that goes well in any border. Some bloom continuously from June to October. Culture is not difficult as they need only a moderately rich, well-drained soil.

Carpathica Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
It grows in compact tufts never more than 8 inches high and throws blue blooms vigorously all summer. A perfect edging for the border or rockery.

Carpathica Alba Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
A pure white form of the above.

Grandis Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Doz. \$6.00
For some strange reason, also called Six Hills Giant. It's a 2½-foot grower, with flower stems covered with pale blue flowers that are star-like and saucer-shaped. Likes shade; heavy multiplier; hardy anywhere.

Persicifolia grandiflora alba Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Doz. \$6.00
This is a 2-foot white which goes well with Grandis.

Pyramidalis Each \$1.00, Three \$2.50, Doz. \$7.25
Produces 4 to 6 foot spikes covered with blue star-shaped flowers. It blooms all summer and is an excellent companion for Delphinium.

Winter Sunshine

—house plants do better if you turn a sunlamp on them occasionally during dull winter weather.

Chrysanthemums

This is probably the easiest of all hardy plants to grow and certainly one of the most rewarding. They tolerate neglect but to have them at their best give them full sun, a rich, well-drained soil and water during the heat of summer. To get a sturdy and well-branched plant pinch back the terminal shoots at least twice. In winter cover lightly after the ground is frozen to keep the shallow roots from heaving.

Dates of bloom are for Litchfield. For every 100 miles north subtract two days; add two for every 100 miles south. We collect mums from all over the world; unless otherwise noted these varieties have proved themselves hardy in New England which is to say they will winter successfully nearly anywhere. (Complete cultural directions with each order.)

WHITE AND IVORY TONES

Drifted Snow Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50
Fully double white flowers with creamy center. Sept. 15; 24 Inches.

Horizon Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
A large pure white pompon with yellow center. Excellent cutflower. October 5.

Ivory Glow Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50
Very large incurved ivory flowers resembling greenhouse varieties. Double. Oct. 3; 24 Inches.

Sincerity Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Its 3 inch blooms open pale lavender, turn white immediately. Double. Oct. 1; 30 Inches.

Spindrift Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Double flower 3 inches across, the petal almost cactus in type. Soft cream center on opening which turns white at full bloom. Stocky, heavy 18-24 inch plant. October 3.

YELLOW TO GOLDEN

Chiquita Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50
True lemon-yellow, very compact. Button. Oct. 5; 20 inches.

Canary Wonder Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
1951 Prize Winner. Soft canary yellow flowers cover 36 inch stalks. A top cutflower. October 1.

Lee Powell (new) Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Masses of fluffy Chinese-yellow flowers with slight orange tint at center. Double. Sept. 23; 30 Inches.



Moonbeams

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Blended soft primrose-yellow tones. Blossoms up to 3 1/2 inches diameter. Late September.

Polaris

Each \$1.00, Three \$2.55, Doz. \$7.25
This is an extremely hardy Northland Daisy. Is like a buff-yellow Shasta Daisy in bloom. Oct. 30 inches.

Yellow Irene

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Masses of lemon-yellow button flowers long lasting when cut. Highly frost resistant. October 20.

GOLD TO BRONZE

Burma

Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50
Sensationally large and heavy double apricot-bronze blooms. Sept. 20; 22 inches.

Fireside

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Burnt orange and salmon. October 1.

Mona

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Large rich bronze shaded pompon. A husky plant. October 5.

Mrs. Pierre du Pont

Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50
Almost a champagne bronze. Has great delicacy. Double. Oct. 5; 28 inches.

Sequoia

Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50
Richly amber and heavy. Double. Oct. 5; 24 inches.

LAVENDER TO PURPLE TONES

Edith

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Royal purple flower, double and a full 3 inches in diameter.

Fascination

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Silvery-lavender with a pink overcast upon opening; many blooms change to a creamy white later. Blossoms are 4 inches in diameter.

Lassie

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Large blooms of lavender pink. Good for cutting. October 10.

Masquerade (new)

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
A glistening mass of silvery-lavender-rose blooms. Oct. 5; 24 inches.

RED TONES

Cardinal Spoon

Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50
Cardinal red spoon petals with yellow handles. Oct. 1; 24 inches.

Cindy

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
A glowing deep red single flower, 3 inches in diameter, with a full yellow center. October 1.

Courageous

Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50
Large bright crimson blooms. Double. Oct. 1; 24 inches.

Jubilee

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Clear deep red pompons 1 1/2 inches across. From October 1. Excellent for cutting.

Rajah

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
A flamboyant scarlet daisy that holds color and is excellent for cutting. October 10.

PINK TONES

Betty

Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50
A fine clear pink; darker pink in center. Double. Sept. 28; 28 inches.

Courtier

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
A pink decorative of clear color and fine form. Highly frost resistant. October 1.

Dawn Rose

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Bright pink with touch of rose at center. Double. Oct. 5; 30 inches.

Fashion

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Two toned salmon and rose, semi-double. Hard to beat in its color class. Meets florists requirements as a cut flower. October 8.

SPECIAL CHRYSANTHEMUM GARDENS

Solid tone gardens or white plus a color make the best Chrysanthemum plantings. Here is a way for you to

paint your own Chrysanthemum picture but please follow its rules exactly or prices will be higher than indicated. For example, where the instructions are to pick three each of a variety, don't split them into three varieties. We have to charge you more when you do, and if you do your garden won't be as effective.

The Bronze-Yellow Garden

One each of any six varieties in the Yellow to Golden and Gold to Bronze types. Six plants, \$3.60
Three each of any six varieties of the same list. Eighteen plants, \$9.50

The Bronze-White Garden

One each of any three whites plus one each of any three bronze-yellows. Six plants, \$3.60
Three each of any three white varieties plus three each of any three bronze-yellows. Eighteen plants, \$9.50

The White-Red Garden

One each of any three whites plus one each of any three reds. Six plants, \$3.60
Three each of any three whites plus three each of any three reds. Eighteen plants, \$9.50

The White-Pink Garden

One each of any three whites plus one each of any three pinks. Six plants, \$3.60
Three each of any three whites plus three each of any three pinks. Eighteen plants, \$9.50

The White-Lavender-Purple Garden

One each of any three whites plus one each of any three lavender-purples. Six plants, \$3.60
Three each of any three whites plus three each of any three lavender-purples. Eighteen plants, \$9.50

Note: In planting the white combination gardens place the whites between the colors for contrast. By noting dates of bloom you can work out gardens which will bloom all at once or come in a succession of bloom. It is best, when ordering six plants, to have them bloom at about the same time. The larger gardens have more interest when planned for succession of bloom, say from mid-September to late October.

ODD AND UNUSUAL CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Many of these are not well known but all have their special beauty. We guarantee none to be hardy but all of them can be wintered over in a well-protected cold frame or pit. For bloom outdoors plant very early.

Bronze Cactus (Patented)

Each \$1.00, Three \$2.55, Doz. \$7.25

Cactus type. Large, fully double blooms with sharply

pointed petals. Unfading Indian-copper-bronze with subtle salmon shadings. Sept., 30 inches.

Yellow Cactus (Patented)

Each \$1.00, Three \$2.55, Doz. \$7.25

Cactus type. Opens delicate apricot-buff. Turns corn yellow later.

Jayeff

Each \$1.10, Three \$2.85, Doz. \$7.50

A greenhouse type, deep pink. In late August remove all but four or five stems. When these have thrown buds at least an inch in diameter pinch off all but the best one. This will develop into a flower nearly greenhouse size. Protect from early frost. No shipments after May 1.

Mrs. H. E. Kidder

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65

An early, bright yellow of extreme size on tall stems.

Silver Sheen

Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65

A pure white of great size. October 20.

CHRYSANTHEMUM MAXIMUM

(The Shasta Daisy)

Use a good rich soil in full sun. Plant 1 foot apart. Divide root stocks every other year to keep plant compact and flowers large.

Majestic

Each \$1.00, Three \$2.55, Doz. \$7.25

Immense white flowers, 5 to 6 inches in diameter. Small golden center. Excellent for cutting, blooms June and July. Height: 30 inches.

Mount Shasta

Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Doz. \$7.00

Pure white and fully double with a high-crested center. Flowers average four inches across and come singly on stiff, 24-inch stems from spring until frost. Fine for cutting.

DELPHINIUM

(Perennial Larkspur)

Pacific Coast Hybrids

The California hybridizers, Vetterle & Reinelt, have walked away with the delphinium show—no one has come near equalling the spectacular beauty of their Round Table Series. These hybrids are not as long-lived as Belladonna and related varieties and many delphinium fanciers treat them as biennials.

They require excellent drainage and a strongly alkaline soil—dry wood ashes worked into the area a few days before planting is best. Do not overfeed. And do not cover in winter—a thin layer of coal ashes will protect the crowns from slugs. Occasional dusting with sulphur controls leaf black spot. All clumps are strongly grown, two-year-old stock. Height: 4 to 7 feet. Protect flowering spikes from wind, or stake. (Maybe you had better stake anyway.) All bloom in late June or early July. Better plant 2 feet apart.



Chinese Delphinium

Black Knight

Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Doz. \$8.50

Shades of darkest violet with black bee.

Blue Bird

Each 85c, Three \$2.10, Doz. \$6.25

Shades of medium blue with white bee.

Blue Jay

Each 85c, Three \$2.10, Doz. \$6.25

Shades from medium to dark blue with black bee.

Cameliard

Each 85c, Three \$2.10, Doz. \$6.25

Shades of clear lavender with white bee.

Galahad

Each 85c, Three \$2.10, Doz. \$6.25

Purest white. Blooms about 10 days later than others.

Guinevere

Each 85c, Three \$2.10, Doz. \$6.25

Shades of lavender-pink with white.

King Arthur

Each 85c, Three \$2.10, Doz. \$6.25

Royal purple with white bee.

Lancelot

Each 85c, Three \$2.10, Doz. \$6.25

Shades of lilac with a white bee.

Percival

Each 85c, Three \$2.10, Doz. \$6.25

Purest white with black bee. (Flowers with Galahad.)

Summer Skies

Each 85c, Three \$2.10, Doz. \$6.25

Shades of lightest blues with white bee.

CHINESE DELPHINIUM

The miniature or so-called dwarf varieties bloom all summer if cut back. Flowers keep a week in water. Culture:

same as for Pacifics. First blooms in late June or early July.

Album Grandiflorum Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Pure white. Height: 24 inches.

Blue Butterfly Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Shades of Blue. 24 inches.

DIANTHUS (Garden Pinks)

Plant in ordinary garden soil which must contain some lime. Excellent rock garden or border plant. Most varieties bloom continuously starting in mid-June.

Allwoodi Mixed Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Large single and double flowers. Foliage grey-green forming large mats. Stems 12-15 inches high.

Dinah Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Doz. \$7.00
A double, deep rose with maroon center. Flowers profusely spring and fall. Two to six flowers on each 12 inch stem.

Evangeline Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Doz. \$7.00
Double soft rose flowers with spicy fragrance on 10 inch stems.

Moon Mist Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Doz. \$7.00
Fragrant double white flowers on 12 inch stems. Blooms heavily spring and fall, and throughout summer.

Salmon Unique Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Doz. \$7.00
A clove-scented salmon-pink. Stems 15 inches. Throws perfectly formed carnation-like flowers throughout the season.

Silvermine Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Doz. \$6.00
An everblooming cluster Garden Pink with pure white flowers. Blooms from June until September.

Tiny Rubies Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Doz. \$6.00
Very compact with miniature pink carnation-like flowers on 4 to 6 inch stems. Excellent for rock gardens.

Wallace Red Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Doz. \$6.00
Semi-double crimson red flowers on 12-inch stems. Compact. Blooms all summer.

DICENTRA (Bleeding Heart)

A must in every border and they are easily grown. Dicentra, you will be glad to know, does best in partial shade. Plant in fall or very early spring.

Eximia Three \$1.25, Doz. \$3.50, 25 \$6.25
A delightful dwarf with pink flowers over delicate green foliage. Height: 12 inches.

Eximia Sweetheart Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
The same with pure white flowers.

Spectabilis Each \$1.10, Three \$2.75, Doz. \$7.50

Old-fashioned and a favorite. It's a fairly tall grower and has long racemes of heart-shaped pink flowers. Plant in clumps about 24 inches apart.

GAILLARDIA (Blanket Flower)

They require a rich, light, well-drained soil to survive the winter. Full sun. They bloom profusely all summer and seem to require no water. Highly satisfactory as cut flower.

Aurea Pura Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Large yellow flowers on strong stems. Height: 30 inches.

Burgundy Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Wine red. Flowers 3 inches in diameter.

Goblin Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Red and yellow bi-color. Compact growing habit.

Portola Hybrids Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Large flowers; centers dark red. Blends to copper, petals golden tipped.

GYPSOPHILA

(Perennial Baby's Breath)

A rugged plant in well-drained soil. Its flowers form a delicate and beautiful veil. Cut flowers make sensational bouquets by themselves; mixed with other flowers they form background clouds of white or pink. They are tap rooted, cannot be moved. We ship them from large pots. Don't expect much the first season. After that you can't find a more satisfactory border plant or cut flower. They become big plants—most varieties must be kept at least 2 feet apart.

Bristol Fairy Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Doz. \$7.00
Pure white double flowers. Keep one or two in cutting garden for floral arrangements as Bristol blooms repeatedly if kept cut. Height: 3 feet.

Double Dutch Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Doz. \$8.50
A new double pure white, taller than Bristol Fairy and with slightly larger flowers. Excellent for cutting.

Flamingo Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Doz. \$6.00
Double pink with habits similar to Bristol Fairy.

Repens Rosy Veil Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Doz. \$6.00
"Dwarf" double pink, 2 feet high. Longer season of bloom, starts 2 weeks earlier.

HEUCHERA (Coral Bells)

They like a rich, moist, well-drained soil, but they'll grow in practically anything. Plant 6 inches apart in the border in clumps of 3, 5 or 7, or use as edging plant. Divide about every third year.

Brizoides, Mary Rose (new) Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Doz. \$6.00
Spikes about 2 feet, carry clear pink flowers.

Matin Bells Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Doz. \$7.00
Profuse coral-red flowers. Spikes 18 inches high. Blooms June-July.

Perry's White Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Doz. \$6.00
White bells blending to cream on 18-inch spikes. Blooms June through September if kept cut back. Rock garden plant, too.

THE IRIS FAMILY

All Iris will be listed in the fall edition, out July 1st. July-August is moving time for most of these plants and this will give you plenty of time to order and plant. If you can, be sure to see our permanent plantings of Iris in the Exhibition Garden (blooms in May).

CYMBIDIUM ORCHIDS

If you have a sunny east window in a not-too-hot room (between 60-70 degrees) you can grow what we consider the most beautiful of orchids—Cymbidiums. Culture is extremely simple, not complicated like other kinds of orchids which require greenhouse conditions. A mature plant will shoot several sprays containing up to twenty perfect orchids. They bloom in winter. (In pricing sprays of Cymbidiums florists charge for each flower—up to \$2.50 per bloom.) In a 70 degree room a spray of Cymbidiums will last from 8 to 10 weeks in water. The plant itself is grass-like and not decorative. Complete instructions accompany each order. Bulbs are shipped during the dormant season starting in late spring.

All of our Cymbidiums are named varieties and are sold by the bulb. We recommend the purchase of single sprouting back bulbs (dormants) or single green bulbs because they are safer to ship. You will have three bulbs and one flowering stalk the third year.

Price per back bulb \$10.00
Price per green bulb \$20.00

Best Garden Book

The partners here bought nearly every garden book when they were avid amateurs. The best is America's Garden Book. Its 1250 pages are perfectly organized; there is fine data on plant disease and prevention; it has an index anybody can use. The price \$4.50 from The Farm, plus postage.



Hemerocallis

HEMEROCALLIS (Day Lilies)

These are of easiest culture; they multiply freely; are permanent and practically free of insects. Study planting dates of varieties listed and order so that you have day lilies blooming from June to September. The hybridizers have gotten to work on the old-fashioned species and now we have varieties from softest yellow to almost fiery red. Move them any time; they are the toughest plants we know about.

August Pioneer Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Doz. \$8.50
Chrome-yellow. Tips of petals blended red. Blooms Aug.-Sept. Height: 34 inches.

Bagdad Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Doz. \$8.50
Blend of copper-red and orange. Orange center. June-July. Height: 42 inches.

Boutonnierre Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Light peach. Blooms July-August. 36 inches.

Chengtar Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
An orange-yellow blooming July-August. 36 inches.

Citrina Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Sulphur-yellow. June-July. 36 inches.

Earliana Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Doz. \$8.50
Blooms with Iris in early May. A golden-orange. 24 inches.

Enchantress Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Doz. \$8.50
Soft yellow. Bleeds to pink in center. Aug.-Sept. Height: 36 inches.

Harvest Moon Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Is the color of orange-sherbet—not the kind you make at home, the kind you buy that has been artificially colored. July-August. 36 inches.

Hyperion Each \$1.10, Three \$2.75, Doz. \$8.75
Very large canary-yellow flowers. Best of all yellow day lilies. July-August. Height: 48 inches.

Imperator Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Golden-red lined with yellow. July-August. Height: 40 inches.

Linda Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Amber-yellow with reddish lines. Petals ruffled. June-July. Height: 30 inches.

Middendorfie Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Rich orange with mahogany blotch at base of petals. June-July. Height: 36 inches.

Mrs. A. H. Austin Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Deep, large-flowered, golden-yellow. July-Aug. Height: 36 inches.

Mrs. W. H. Wyman Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Doz. \$8.50
Lemon-yellow. July-August. 48 inches.

Ophir Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Very dark golden. July-August. 48 inches.

Semperflorens Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Excellent rich mid-season yellow. May-June. 30 inches.

Serenade Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Doz. \$8.50
Pastel shadings of yellow and pink. June-July. Height: 36 inches.

Theron Each \$1.00, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Wine-red. Petals twisted gracefully. June bloomer. 36 inches.

Everblooming Hemerocallis Gardens

One of the most satisfactory borders on The Farm is a solid Day Lily planting. It blooms from May to September. It is now six years old and so thick little weeding is ever required. These rugged plants, half shaded by two maples, compete successfully with the roots of those vigorous trees, bloom more profusely every year.

Yellow to Golden Collection #1 \$8.95
One each of Earliana, Middendorfie, Semperflorens, Mrs. W. H. Wyman, Serenade, Hyperion, Citrina, Enchantress, August Pioneer, Mrs. A. H. Austin, Harvest Moon and Ophir. (A \$10.00 value.)

Yellow-Golden Collection #2 \$22.50
Three each of the above. (A \$27.00 value.)

Yellow-Golden Collection #3 \$57.50
Twelve each of the above. (An \$85.00 value.)

Darker Colored Day Lily Collection #1 \$4.75
Not quite so early or as extensive as the yellow-golden types but quite satisfactory. One each of Theron, Bagdad, Imperator, Linda, Mikado and August Pioneer. (A \$5.25 value.)

Darker Colored Day Lily Collection #2 \$10.50
Three each of the above. (A \$13.00 value.)

Darker Colored Day Lily Collection #3 \$29.95
Twelve each of the above. (A \$40.00 value.)

IBERIS

(Perennial Candytuft)

Require nothing extraordinary in soils. Plant, fall or spring, 6 inches apart.

Little Gem Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Doz. \$6.00
Pure white flowers in May. True dwarf, flowers reach 6 inches in height, foliage about 3 inches. Perfect edging plant; excellent for rock gardens.

Purity Each 85c, Three \$2.10, Doz. \$6.25
New and somewhat larger than Little Gem. Very uniform in growth; plants look like miniature evergreens after being a mass of white when flowering in April-June.

LUPINUS (Lupine)

Soil is not a problem. Lupine requires lots of moisture, full sun and protection from prevailing hot summer winds. Because they are difficult to move when field-grown we offer strongly rooted potted plants. They will mature the Second year. Plant in bold groups. **Easimove** lupines at The Sales Center.

Polyphyllus albus Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
White.

Polyphyllus caeruleus Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Blue.

Polyphyllus carmineus Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Almost red form of polyphyllus.

Polyphyllus roseus Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Rose.

Russell Hybrids Each 80c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Rainbow shades of lavender, blue, pink and yellow. Mixed colors only.

Easimove Lupine Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Doz. \$9.00

Gladioli and Tuberous Rooted Begonias

Except for an excellent mixture of named varieties we are not offering Giant Breeder Gladioli. This decision has been in the making a long time—Giant Glads have been too big and are getting bigger; they are of no use in the perennial border; their chief value is as a cut flower during the heat of summer. Our Breeder Mixture, planted every two weeks until July 15, will produce an excellent succession of blooms for cut flowers until frost. On the other hand, Miniature Gladioli have great charm and delicacy and are useful almost anywhere. We shall futurely spend our time in the development of these appealing flowers.

Your special attention is called to the Tuberous Rooted Begonia list. They are all Camellia-Rose types and the tubers, only one year old, are the cream of the U.S. crop. The named varieties are all true to color and type and we look forward to a long and great list of distinctive new ones year after year. The development of this Begonia has amazed the horticultural world in the past. These new flowers, however, are just as revolutionary as anything the hybridizers have yet done.

GIANT AMERICAN BREEDER GLADIOLI

Mixture

Doz. 95c, 25 \$1.80, 100 \$7.00

This is a service offer to those of our customers who are not Gladioli hobbyists but who want a succession of bloom in this type of flower for cutflowers. It contains only No. 1 bulbs of twenty top varieties with a heavy loading of whites and ivories.

GLADIOLI (Minatures)

The miniature, branching Gladiolus is a very desirable flower. It is decorative indoors without being overpowering. The bulbs are somewhat smaller than ordinary No. 1 bulbs but every one of them will produce a spike of high quality. Demand for miniatures, even though many are expensive, is so heavy that we shall be able to fill only a portion of the orders this season. So, again, order early.

Aria Each 75c, Three, \$2.15, Doz. \$7.50

Newest of the deep rose colors. Scarce.

Atom Six \$1.35, Doz. \$2.30, 25 \$4.20, 100 \$15.00

A fine branching red delicately silver-edged. It is the most versatile Gladiolus ever grown.

Bo-Peep Six \$1.40, Doz. \$2.50, 25 \$4.50, 100 \$16.00

Pleasant buff-pink.



Miniature Gladioli

Dresden (New)

Introductory price, each 80c

This lovely clear yellow ruffled flower is offered at cost. Only three to a customer, please.

Ethel Theresa

Six \$1.80, Doz. \$3.10, 100 \$21.00

White with wine shading.

Fifth Avenue (New)

Introductory price, each 50c

A deep glistening velvety red. It is offered at cost, only three to a customer.

Little Gold

Six \$1.40, Doz. \$2.50, 25 \$4.50, 100 \$16.00

Deepest yellow.

Peter Pan

Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50

Dark orange-pink with deep throat markings.

Piccolo

Six \$1.35, Doz. \$2.30, 25 \$4.20, 100 \$15.00

A miniature Miniature. Blooms have dark red throats and are only 1 inch across.

Red Button

Six \$1.40, Doz. \$2.50, 25 \$4.50, 100 \$16.00

The red blooms face up on these 1 1/2 inch flowers.

Starlet

Six \$1.35, Doz. \$2.30, 25 \$4.20, 100 \$15.00

An excellent ruffled white.

Silversides

Six \$2.00, Doz. \$3.50, 100 \$32.00

Silvery-rose blooms.

TUBEROUS ROOTED BEGONIAS

For those who demand the finest we are offering a series of named varieties in the Camellia or Rose form. Each will be true to color. Equally unusual are the Camellia-Rose types, not in named varieties, which we can supply in shades in immense tubers. Tubers of these are giants, all only one year old, are specially selected out of hundreds of thousands of seedlings. We don't know where else you can get tubers of this size, each of which literally will produce a bush.

CAMELLIA-ROSE FORMS, Named Varieties

These doubles are absolutely true to color and form and are invaluable for shaded window box or patio plantings. Tubers are not graded for size but all are large and will produce splendid plants. These are rarities and like all rarities they are very scarce and orders should be placed earliest.

Santa Maria

Each \$1.75

A huge and heavily ruffled double Camellia-type white.

Santa Barbara

Each \$1.75

Ditto in delicate yellow.

Santa Margarita

Each \$1.75

Pastel pink, fully double and heavily ruffled.

Santa Clara

Each \$1.75

The same in delicate apricot.

Red Triumph

Each \$1.75

Ruby-red velvet.

CAMELLIA-ROSE TYPES, Unnamed

These can be ordered in shades of Red, Rose, Pink and Yellow. Also a fine White. Each of these giant tubers will produce a huge plant. For results they are much less expensive than smaller cheaper tubers selling for 40 to 60 cents. Tubers diameters are 2 1/2 inches and up, mostly up. Order by shade but as these are scarce every year please indicate second and third choice of color.

Each \$1.25, Three \$3.50, Doz. \$12.00

Visit Litchfield Village

Litchfield is one of America's most beautiful small towns and if you haven't seen it, maybe you should. We boast a fine Inn, the Westleigh. Another attraction—one of New England's best Antique shops, Floyd Thoms'. All this and White Flower Farm (3.5 miles south of Litchfield on #63).

LIATRIS

(Blazing Star or Gayfeather)

Thrives in ordinary soils, in sun or shade, can be grown at water-side. Plant in groups of three at back of border. In our opinion Liatris has been neglected by gardeners. Excellent for cutting.

Pycnostachya Each 60c, Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.75
Bloom July-August. Rich purple flowers, blooming from top down, on spikes 4 feet high.

Scariosa September Glory Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Purple flowers all come into bloom at same time (unlike Pycnostachya) on 6-foot spikes.

Scariosa White Spires Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
White form of September Glory.

PAEONIAS (Peonies)

Peonies, including our sensational new hybrids, will be fully listed in the fall edition, out July 1st. Exhibition Garden plantings of all varieties bloom in May-June and are worth a considerable trip to see.

PAPAVER ORIENTALE

(Oriental Poppy)

Listed in detail in the fall edition which should reach you in early July, the time, by the way, to transplant bare-root stock.

Potted roots in full growth are available in early spring and late fall at the Sales Center for \$1.50 each.

PHLOX DECUSSATA

(Hardy Garden Phlox)

To grow Phlox well be sure soil is well-drained, deep and heavily enriched. Keep in full sun. Water freely under the foliage. It likes its feet wet and its clothing dry. In wet weather dust with sulphur to prevent mildew. Don't plant too close to stone walls—they are damp. Set far enough apart to get good air circulation. Divide the roots every three or four years to keep plants vigorous and flowers large. Destroy all seedlings—they turn to ugly magenta colors and are so vigorous they crowd out named varieties.

Charles Curtis Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Doz. \$5.75
Brilliant sunset red. Does not fade. 30 inches high.

Count Zeppelin Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50
Pure white with vermillion-red eye. Mid-season. 30 inches high.

Katherine Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50
The best of the light blues and it does not fade.

Lillian

Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50
Delicate large pink flowers. Mid-season. 30 inches high.

Mary Louise Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50
Startlingly white large flowers. Late season. 30 inches high.

Mies Copyn (new) Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Doz. \$7.00
A giant new Dutch introduction—clear pink with carmine center. Rugged.

Pinkette Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Doz. \$7.00
Faint tinge of pink with a darker eye.

Rembrandt Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Doz. \$7.00
Enormous pure white and an excellent cutflower. Mid-season.

Salmon Beauty Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50
Salmon-pink flowers with white eye. Mid-season. 30 inches high.

San Antonio Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50
Very dark mid-season red.

Sir John Falstaff (new) Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Doz. \$7.00
A giant with a rich, luminous salmon-pink color. The individual pips or blooms are nearly 2 inches in diameter.

Von Lassburg Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50
Good for the background of a border. White blooms in mid-season on trusses 36 inches high.

White Admiral (new) Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Doz. \$7.00
Enormous white heads with side branches that prolong blooming beyond the normal Phlox season.

World Peace Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Doz. \$7.00
A heavy growing pure white having dark green, glossy foliage and it blooms, believe it or not, in September.

A White Phlox Garden \$8.95

In one package—a pure white garden that will bloom vigorously a long time. Here three plants each of Mary Louise, Rembrandt, White Admiral, Von Lassburg and World Peace. (15 plants; a \$10.50 value.)

A Pink and White Phlox Garden \$10.95

We have always believed in massing colors of the same tone—or in massing not more than two contrasting tones. These pinks blend well—three each of Lillian, Pinkette and Sir John Falstaff, particularly when separated with three each of the following whites—White Admiral, Rembrandt and Von Lassburg. (18 plants; a \$13.00 value.)

PHLOX SETACEA

Camla Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Doz. \$7.00

Pure pink with no trace of magenta. Grows about 8 inches high. It does not creep like other low growing phlox, the plant remains neat and tidy—an endearing quality.

PHLOX SUBULATA

(Mountain or Moss Pinks)

These usable plants have pleasant moss-like foliage and when in bloom are covered with vivid flowers. Most varieties multiply rapidly. Cover bare spots or use as edging or as individuals in the rock garden. They require full sun; soil, dry and sandy and not too rich. Our large pads of each variety can be divided into 8 to 10 plants. (Neighbors' gifts are apt to have magenta colored flowers.)

Alba Each 70c, Three \$1.80
Pure white.

Blue Hills Each 75c, Three \$1.80
Pale blue flowers. Good creeper.

Emerald Cushion Pink Each 75c, Three \$1.80
Bright pink on dark green foliage.

Emerald Cushion Blue Each 75c, Three \$1.80
Blue form of above.

Vivid Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50
Bright pink with darker pink eye.

PLATYCODON (Balloon Flower)

Requires a light sandy soil, well drained. Put in full sun. Do not disturb after planting. Once established it is rewarding—colored bells on 20 inch stems are excellent cut flowers and the plants bloom all summer.

Grandiflorum Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Deep blue bells on 20 inch stems. Single.

Grandiflorum Album Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
White form of the above.

PYRETHRUM (Painted Daisy)

Plant Spring or early Fall in ordinary soil in groups of 3 plants, each about a foot apart.

Robinson's Crimson Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50
Large, single disc-like flowers of rich crimson. A favorite cut flower.

Roseum (Double) Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Doz. \$6.00
Deep pink double flowers.

Scarlet Glow Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Doz. \$7.00
A new and large single flower of deep scarlet.

The Rose Collection

This is a highly selected list, by colors, of what we have found the best in Hybrid Tea, Floribunda and Climbing Roses. White Flower Farm chooses a new rose, not because it is new, but because it is better than an old one. All are hardy, of simple culture, of abundant bloom. Bareroot Roses are not shipped after April 15 and we do not mail Roses in the fall. The reasons are sound from a Rose's point of view—it should be in the ground as early in the spring as possible and never be subjected to warm November Indian Summer weather. Because these Roses are grown specially for us by a producer who is just as fussy about quality as we are, the supply is limited. Complete cultural directions with each order. The following prices are for bareroot stock; Roses growing in Easimoves are available at The Sales Center at the per each price plus 50 cents.

HYBRID TEA ROSES

These produce specimen blooms and most make wonderful cut flowers. Teas bloom from June until frost.

WHITE TEAS

K. A. Victoria Each \$1.35, Three \$3.75, Doz. \$13.50

This is a pearl white and quite fragrant. Buds are long and open slowly. A heavy plant; a strong grower.

Blanche Mallerin Each \$1.75, Three \$4.65, Doz. \$18.60

Alabaster white and fragrant. Petals have satin sheen. (Patented)

Sleigh Bells Each \$2.00, Three \$5.25, Doz. \$21.00

Tremendous white, fragrant blooms. Heavy glossy green foliage. (Patented)

McGredy's Ivory Each \$1.35, Three \$3.75, Doz. \$13.50

A soft creamy-white of fine fragrance. It is a heavy bloomer and resistant to disease.

THE RED TEAS

Charlotte Armstrong Each \$2.25, Three \$6.00, Doz. \$24.00

Blood-red in bud, opens to cerise in hot weather, to spectrum red in cool. Never shows center, 3 to 4 inches in diameter. (1940 award; patented)

Chrysler Imperial (1953 Award) Each \$3.00

This fine rose is a vivid crimson. The buds are long and exquisitely tapered. You will find the plant exceptionally vigorous, the blooms exceptionally long-lasting.



Peace

Each \$2.25, Three \$6.00, Doz. \$24.00

Chameleon-like flower opening yellow, edged pink, deepening in tone as bloom matures. Long lasting, heavy blooming—deserving of its title "Rose of This Century". (Patented)

Remembrance

Each \$2.00, Three \$5.25, Doz. \$21.00

Its deep canary-yellow buds open to dawn-pink. A vigorous, heavy grower, and although a rose probably should never be called dependable, Remembrance is.

Talisman

Each \$1.35, Three \$3.75, Doz. \$13.50

Brilliant red and gold buds opening to scarlet-orange and rich yellow. Constant bloomer.

FLORIBUNDA ROSES

This group of Cluster Roses is the best for massed planting. They are husky, sturdy, hardy—grow from 2½ to 3 feet tall. They are continuous bloomers and should be planted on 14-inch centers in blending colors to get the best effect. Clump three to five of a variety.

WHITE TONES

Snowbank

Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00

As you would expect, a mass of double white flowers in heavy clusters which are as showy as a snow bank.

White Finch

Each \$1.35, Three \$3.75, Doz. \$13.50

The other best white Floribunda. This has heavy clusters of single, pure white flowers. It is outstanding in this class of profuse bloomers.

RED TONES

Floradora

Each \$1.35, Three \$3.75, Doz. \$13.50

A gay cinnabar-red.

World's Fair

Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00

Large velvet-like blooms of blackish scarlet with golden center. (Patented)

YELLOW TONES

Bright Eyes

Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00

Canary yellow buds turn to shimmering, silvery yellow open flowers. (Patented)

Goldilocks

Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00

When in bloom, and that is constantly, the bush is a golden yellow mass. (Patented)

PINK TONES

Fashion Each \$2.00, Three \$5.25, Doz. \$21.00

Luminous coral-pink overlayed with gold. Colors lighten, then darken. (1949 award; patented)

Ma Perkins Each \$2.25, Three \$6.00, Doz. \$24.00

Clusters of coral-salmon flowers, very fragrant. A bushy plant and a heavy grower.

Vogue (1952 award) Each \$2.25, Three \$6.00, Doz. \$24.00

Iridescent, glowing rose flushed with salmon. Individual flowers 3 to 4 inches in diameter. Excellent cut flowers.

SPECIAL ROSE GARDEN OFFERS

Roses should be planted by themselves in as much mass as you can afford. Keep varieties together. To do this leave 3 to 4 feet between each or, if your planting can be large, plant each variety in its separate bed.

The Twelve Bush Garden \$19.75

Three Whites: One each of K. A. Victoria, Sleigh Bells, McGredy's Ivory, Three Reds: One each of Mirandy, Charlotte Armstrong, Crimson Glory, Three Yellows: One each of Peace, Sutter's Gold and Lowell Thomas, Three Pinks: One each of Countess Vandal, Mission Bells, Tally-ho. Plant the above in groups of three in a plot 12 x 4 feet, keeping the plants about 2 feet apart. (Bought individually these roses would cost \$23.00.)

The Sixteen Bush Garden \$28.50

The above plus the white, Blanche Mallerin; the red prize winner, Chrysler Imperial; the prize-winning pink, Helen Traubel; and the yellow, Remembrance. Use a bed 18 x 4 feet, plant on about 2 foot centers by color. (Bought individually these roses would cost \$33.00.)

Forty-eight Bush Garden in Four Varieties \$99.50

This, frankly, is a challenging suggestion to those who hold beauty and uniqueness of planting highly. Few people have the nerve to plant boldly by variety in mass, but those who do will possess a rose garden of unusual merit because it is so simple in concept. The roses chosen for this exciting planting are the best in their color class, all prize winners. Twelve Blanche Mallerin (white); twelve Chrysler Imperial (Red); twelve Helen Traubel (Pink); and twelve Peace (Yellow). It may take quite a while to decide to do this, but when you do, you'll never regret it. (Bought in dozen lots these roses would cost \$116.00.)



CLIMBING ROSES

After testing climbers a long time we've narrowed the list to these four. They are profuse bloomers and are hardy everywhere. (In extreme cold climates the canes should be protected lightly.)

Silver Moon Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00
Large (4.5 inch) semi-double white cupped flowers with golden centers.

Paul's Scarlet Climber Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00

We have dropped Blaze, an everblooming sport of Paul's Scarlet, because it isn't everblooming anymore and what is left is no longer as vigorous as its great parent. This scarlet, semi-double is grown on its own root which eliminates trouble with suckers.

New Dawn Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00
Soft pink flowers in bloom continuously.

Gold Rush Each \$1.75, Three \$4.65, Doz. \$18.60
Vigorous golden-yellow climber.

POLEMONIUM (Jacob's Ladder)

A spreading plant, 6 to 8 inches high, with light blue flowers in April. Foliage is good in summer. Prefers light shade and average moisture. It makes excellent ground cover and is good in the rockery or at the edge of the border.

Reptans Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Light blue flowers in April and May. 6-8 inches high.

SPIRAEA (Astilbe)

A good hardworking plant for the border. It throws pleasant flowers in June and July, then bushes out with decorative foliage. It grows anywhere in full sun, in any soil. Use in groups of three in the foreground.

Avalanche Each \$1.10, Three \$2.90, Doz. \$8.75
Pure white flowers on 18-inch stems. Deeply cut dark-green foliage.

Fanal Each \$1.10, Three \$2.90, Doz. \$8.75
Brilliant carmen-red flowers. Foliage a dark reddish green. 18 inches high.

Rheinland Each \$1.10, Three \$2.90, Doz. \$8.75
Delicate pink spires.

THYMUS (Decorative Thyme)

(See Herbs for culinary variety.)

These are easily grown, form dense mats ideal for spaces between flagstones. Require full sun and that is about all. We sell large mats that can be divided into 10-15 plants. These are perfect, low growing covers for hot and dry places.

Serpyllum coccineum Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Extremely dense mats of fine green leaves. Covered with reddish-purple flowers in late June. Evergreen leaves turn bronze in the fall; extremely hardy. 3 inches high.

Citriodorus Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Also known as lemon thyme because of its distinct lemon fragrance. Citriodorus grows from 6 to 8 inches high and is covered with small rosy blooms in June. Like all decorative Thymes it needs full sun. It makes a delightful dwarf border for an informal path. Needs light straw protection in winter to keep stems from drying out.

VERONICA (Speedwell)

A completely untemperamental plant. All you should remember is to cut back faded flowers to promote new bloom and growth.

Longifolia Subsessilis Each 85c, Three \$2.10, Doz. \$6.25
Blue-flowering from July to September. Height: 2 feet.

Icecle Each 85c, Three \$2.10, Doz. \$6.25
Pure white form of the above.

KITCHEN GARDEN HERBS

All these are perennials; all are hardy; all are for eating except lavender. You don't need many plants—this is

strong stuff and in cooking use sparingly. Remember, you are after a flavor, not a taste. There are many more herbs but these are the best ones for cooking. Plant them convenient to the kitchen in full sun. They are not fussy about soils—but in very cold climates give them a light covering of salt hay or straw. (Temperatures in Litchfield go to as low as minus 20 degrees. We have no trouble even when we forget to cover. Yes, we forget things like that, too.)

Lavender

Large plants, each \$1.25

Always in old-fashioned kitchen gardens, though not for eating. Snip when blooms open in May-June, dry them, use them—that's all there is to handling lavender. To grow it you need no special soils and once established the shrubby plants last indefinitely with minimum care. Ours are large bushy 2-year-old plants.

Chives

Three \$1.30, Doz. \$3.50

The flower, small purple heads on 10-inch stems, appears in early June and is decorative. Use finely chopped leaves for flavoring salads or hors d'oeuvres. Strong grower, reproduces itself each time it is cut back.

Costmary

Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.00

Use the whole leaf or chopped leaves to brighten mid-summer lettuce or vegetable salads.

Marjoram origarium vulgaris

Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.00

Use leaves sparingly to flavor soups and gravies. Dry leaves and young shoots for winter use. This is better by far than what is usually sold as marjoram.

Sage

Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.00

Dry leaves are used for flavoring meats, soups, stuffings, dressings.

Sweet Cicely

Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.00

A few chopped leaves added to salads and cold dishes give a delightful zest.

Tarragon

Each 75c, Three \$2.15, Doz. \$7.50

This is a basic cooking material in France. Fresh leaves and stalks added to vinegar produce tarragon vinegar. Fresh leaves also are chopped finely and dropped into salads or used to garnish meat or fish. Dried leaves flavor soups and pickles. A kitchen without tarragon is almost in the same boat as a kitchen without salt or pepper.

Thyme (Common, or Thymus vulgaris)

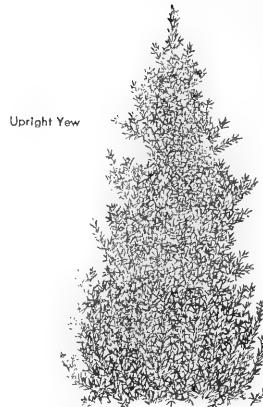
Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.00

Fresh leaves are used in salads; dried leaves are important for meats, soups and gravies.

An Old-Fashioned Kitchen Garden

Three each of Chives, Costmary, Marjoram, Sage, Sweet Cicely, Tarragon, and Thyme. Plus one Lavender.

Twenty-two plants. A \$12.20 value, for . . . \$10.00



Evergreens and Ornamentals

Here is a collection of Evergreens, the Broadleaf and Needle types. It contains the best of the Yews, Hemlocks, Arborvitae, Junipers, Holly and Rhododendrum — mostly slow-growing, hardy landscape material. This stock is of highest quality, scarce and in heavy demand.

(Note to local customer: to get priority send us your order as follows: "Evergreens—to be selected by May 15". Then enclose payment for approximately one-half the sum you think you will spend this spring on this kind of planting material.)

All evergreens are balled and burlapped, and smaller sizes can be shipped economically.

The Needle-type Evergreens

JUNIPERUS (Juniper)

Junipers are valuable ornamentals; most grow slowly; they thrive in sandy-loam soils in full sun.

J. chinensis pfitzeriana. Pfitzer's Spreading Juniper. Slightly larger than most spreading types. Gray-green plumé-like foliage, useful as a filler in foundation or border planting. Very hardy, indifferent to drought.

18 to 24 inch \$6.50, 24 to 30 inch \$8.50

J. communis depressa plumosa. The Andorra or feather type Juniper. Turns bronze in the fall.

18 to 24 inch \$6.00

PINUS (Pine)

Their stout roots seek water in almost impossible sandy soils; they thrive in good soils. Specimens of all hardy varieties can be obtained for customers interested.

P. montana mugo. The extremely hardy, slow growth dwarf pine. Mounded with short stubby needles.

18 to 24 inch \$5.00

TAXUS (Yew)

Rich and dark green color, hardness, freedom from disease and slow, rugged development make this one of the best evergreens. Taxus stands heavy pruning and is adapted to nearly every kind of landscape requirement.

T. cuspidata. The Japanese spreading Yew bearing bright red berries in the fall. Responds to shearing but is at-

tractive when developed naturally. Excellent hedge, border or foundation stock. Does well in partial shade.

15 to 18 inch \$5.00, 18 to 24 inch \$6.50

T. cuspidata capitata. The Japanese pyramidal Yew. Its dark green foliage is covered with red berries in the fall. For formal plantings, for hedges or as specimens.

3 to 3.5 feet \$12.00, 3.5 to 4 feet \$15.00

T. cuspidata nana. The dwarf Japanese Yew. Irregular and spreading in growth. Very compact. For low hedges in formal plantings or as a specimen.

12 to 15 inches \$5.00

T. media hicksii. Also called Hicks' Yew. Upright columnar shape with exceptionally dark green needles. Bears red berries profusely.

2.5 to 3 feet \$6.00, 3.5 to 4 feet \$7.50

THUJA (Arborvitae)

Ornamentals of narrow pyramidal habit. Favorites in formal gardens. Make excellent large hedges and beautiful windbreaks.

T. occidentalis globosa. Globe Arborvitae. Compact, globe-shaped variety maintains shape without trimming.

15 to 18 inches \$5.00, 18 to 24 inches \$6.00

T. occidentalis nigra. Dark American Arborvitae. Fast growing, hardy pyramidal tree.

2.5 to 3 feet \$4.50, 3.5 to 4 feet \$6.00

MAGNOLIA

Soulangeana

The rather rare Pink Magnolia of city gardens. It is a small tree, perfectly hardy, that produces shining green foliage after it is covered with enormous pinkish-white, slightly fragrant flowers in early spring. It is the showiest and best of the family for northern gardens and even one plant will dominate a garden or a city block when it becomes sizable. 3 to 6 feet; \$7.50 to \$15.00 each.

MALUS (Flowering Crabs)

Among the small flowering trees, the Crabs are by far the most sensational group—they stand alone in profusion of bloom, only the ornamental cherries are close to them. None equals them in hardiness or in ability to bloom in exposures that blast the buds of more delicate flowering trees.

With the exception of Bechtel's Crab, which at maturity is a 15 to 20 foot double-flowered beauty, we list only the dwarf varieties. Even the smallest yard can support one—fence lines on farms or estates planted with Crabs on 25 foot centers become tree lines of rare beauty in a few years. (All stock for shipment is three years old and trees generally bloom a year after planting. Older trees, balled and burlapped, are priced according to size but can be obtained only at The Farm.)

Crimson Brilliant

Each \$7.00

A most brilliant red flowering crab. It becomes more and more floriferous as it grows older; is of extreme hardiness and can be grown anywhere. Upon maturity it reaches about 15 feet, about the limit for small gardens. It is a new variety and the supply is very limited. Only the earliest orders can be filled. (Plant Patent #939.)

Floribunda Hilleri

Each \$5.00

This new English origination replaces older Floribunda. The flowers, nearly an inch in diameter, are semi-double and of crimson color in the bud. They open to bright pink and cover the tree with heavy clusters of bloom. It's a late bloomer. Ultimate height is from 10-12 feet.

Kaido or Fragrant Crab

Each \$5.00

When fully grown Kaido is upright, almost pyramid in form. It is not much more than 4 feet wide and matures at 8-10 feet. In the bud it is rose pink and blooms open to rich clear pink. Blooms are deliciously fragrant.

Pink Weeper Crab

Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

A splendid specimen plant for the lawn which grows from 12-15 feet high. The weeping branches, covered with crimson-purple blossoms, droop to the ground. Shipping plants 4 to 5 feet.

Flowering Shrubs

More and more gardeners are planting more and more flowering shrub borders. They are extremely valuable for screening, take a minimum of care and are a truly permanent planting. Careful selection will provide bloom throughout the summer.

Planting: Dig a hole (placing the topsoil on one side) 8 to 10 inches wider and deeper than you need to accommodate the roots. Place the plant. Put the topsoil in the bottom of the hole. When all the topsoil has been used, water thoroughly. Then finish with the subsoil and leave a dish of earth about 18 inches in diameter with a 6-inch rim. Fill with water—and fill at least once a week during the first summer. If you live nearby you might want Easimove shrubs—they've been grown in their own ample tarpaper pots. They have heavy root balls; won't know they have been moved.

ALTHEA

(Rose of Sharon)

These shrubs grow erect and stately and formally—informally they bloom their heads off from July to frost. Ultimate height is about 10 feet.

Lucy

Each \$1.75, Three \$4.75

A double rose-red flower. The only hardy variety.

AZALEA (The Hardy Mollis)

Azalea Mollis is a plant of gorgeous variety and beauty; it is very hardy; and, contrary to popular belief, it does not require an acid soil. All Azalea Mollis wants is a respectable soil, an occasional top dressing of well rotted cow manure (or dried cow dung); it does not require an inordinate amount of water. Mollis does well in shade but prefers full sun. Do not cultivate deeply as the fine root mass is very close to the surface.

To get blooms in profusion year after year pick off the pods before seeds mature. If planted where temperatures go below 10 degrees minus, tops should be covered to prevent buds from blasting. We are sorry, but we are behind on deliveries with some of the named varieties. We suggest, though, that you order now for future delivery. These shipping plants are heavily budded, most will bloom the first season.

Chevalier de Reali Each \$5.00, Three \$14.00, Doz. \$50.00

Large flowers of pale lemon-yellow.



Cydonia Spray

Directeur Moerlands Each \$5.00, Three \$14.00, Doz. \$50.00
Soft pale yellow shading somewhat to apricot-yellow.

Dr. M. Osthoeck Each \$5.00, Three \$14.00, Doz. \$50.00
Brilliant fiery azalea-pink with a soft almost burnt-orange glow.

Koster's Brilliant Red Each \$5.50, Three \$15.00, Doz. \$55.00
As named, a brilliant, vermillion-red.

Mixed Varieties Each \$2.50, Three \$7.00, Doz. \$25.00
These run the gamut of Azalea shades—amber, salmon-orange, copper, gold, yellow, flame-red, etc. Ultimate height runs from 3 to 6 feet. Shipping stock is three years old; it has flower buds and some will bloom a bit the first season.

AZALEA PONTICA (Hardy Ghent Azaleas)

These are even hardier than Azalea Mollis but their blooming time, soil requirements and general habit of growth are the same. Their special merit, besides extreme hardiness, is the unusual range of colors in the group. While the flowers are not as large as Mollis, they have equal brilliance and to many fanciers their variations of tint are more spectacular. Plants offered are 14 to 18 inches high with flowering buds.

Daviesi Each \$4.00, Three \$11.00
Almost white with traces of pink.

Bouquet de Flore Each \$3.00, Three \$7.75
Brilliant clusters of deep pink.

Nancy Waterer Each \$3.00, Three \$7.75

Clusters of golden yellow.

Sang de Gentbrugge Each \$4.00, Three \$11.00

The most vivid and brilliant red you ever saw.

BUDLEIA (Butterfly Shrubs)

An eminently satisfactory shrub that makes a quick growth and blooms the first year. Buddleias do not show signs of growth until late spring or until the weather has become quite warm—so don't worry if they don't shoot stalks quickly. It is true that butterflies are attracted to them. These are the best varieties.

Peace (Pat. #705) Each \$1.25, Three \$3.50

A pure white. It's new. A favorite of ours.

Fortune Each \$1.25, Three \$3.50

Neat habit of growth—about 5 feet high, 4 feet across. Foliage is a dark, leathery green. Flower spikes are 12-18 inches long and rounded. Color is lilac with a brilliant orange eye in each tiny flower. Blooms from mid-summer to frost. Excellent cut flower.

Flaming Violet (Pat. #519) Each \$1.25, Three \$3.50

A violet color of great intensity. Blooms until frost and keeps a long time when cut.

Fascinating Each \$1.25, Three \$3.50

Here the color is a soft pink with a touch of gold in the eyes. Keeps in water and the more it is cut the more it grows.

Purple Prince (Pat. #706) Each \$1.25, Three \$3.50

A sparkling, imperial purple with a golden eye.

White Profusion (Pat. #786) Each \$1.25, Three \$3.50

A dwarf. Makes a stunning green mound (diameter: 3 feet) studded with shortish white spikes. Fits perfectly in the perennial border or is useful as a specimen anywhere.

HYPERICUM

There are several varieties of this fine low-growing shrub that flowers brilliantly from early summer until stopped by frost. They make excellent specimen plantings in the perennial border or in the foreground of shrub plantings. We list only "Sungold"—it just happens to be the best Hypericum and we've forgotten about the others.

"Sungold" (Patent #518) Each \$2.50, Three \$7.00, Doz. \$25.00

Hardy, shapely and a true dwarf. It is almost perfectly oval, grows 2½ to 3 feet in diameter, holds its height to about 24 inches. Its dense foliage is a fine green all summer. Blooms are cymes of golden flowers at the end of each shoot of the summer's new growth. They are produced in tremendous quantities all summer.

CARYOPTERIS

(Hardy Blue Spires)

This is a low-growing shrub which blooms after most other flowering shrubs—from August until frost. It is covered with clusters of powdery-blue, fringed flowers. The plant is a nice rounded mound upon maturity—from 18-24 inches tall and about 2 feet in diameter. Foliage is lanceolate and silvery green. In very cold climates Caryopteris tops kill back to the roots. This doesn't hurt the plant at all—the new growth is luxuriant and it blooms heavily. Strongly rooted plants.

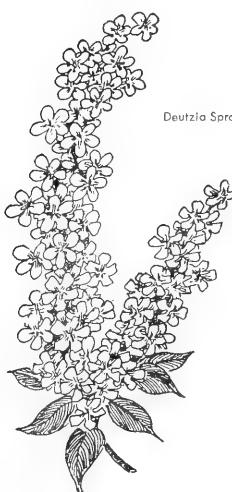
Blue Mist Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00

CLETHRA ALNIFOLIA

(Sweet Pepperbush)

A slow growing shrub reaching a height of not over 10 feet upon maturity. The leaves are two-toned green and quite lovely; they turn to bright clear yellow in autumn. It does best in low, wet places (or in moist uplands) and because it grows well in half shade it is an excellent shrub for naturalizing. Order in pink or white.

18 to 24 inch plants Each \$1.75, Three \$4.75, Doz. \$17.50



Deutzia Spray

COTONEASTER

(The Queen of Shrubs)

Let it be said that it is one Queen of Shrubs and perhaps the Chinese were somewhat over-enthusiastic in calling it The Queen. It is outstanding, however, for the rich colors of its autumnal foliage and for the conspicuous clusters of berries ranging in color from brilliant orange-scarlet through varying shades of red to black. They are preceded by a profusion of pinky-white flowers wreathing the small branches. Because they thrive in shade or sun, in damp or dry soils, they are extremely usable.

Apiculata Each \$2.50, Three \$7.00, Doz. \$25.00

This so-called Cranberry Cotoneaster is a dwarf reaching about 4 feet in height. Its arching branches are weighed down with bright crimson fruit in the fall and its foliage is shiny green throughout the year. Hardy.

Divaricata Each \$2.50, Three \$7.00

Grows from 5 to 6 feet high and has a graceful spreading habit. It has small polished green leaves and thousands of red egg-shaped berries. In the fall the leaves turn brilliantly.

CYDONIA (Flowering Quince)

This is one of the earliest blooming shrubs. Quince stands alone as a specimen shrub or, trimmed, they make excellent hedges. Ultimate height reaches 6 feet. The first two varieties offered are hybrids. Stock is extremely limited on these two.

Nivalis Each \$4.00, Three \$11.00

This is the best pure white quince.

Charming Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75, Doz. \$35.00

Large, soft shell-pink flowers deepening in color at the tips of the petals. It's an orderly plant reaching a height of 6 feet at maturity. Shipping plants are about 2 feet.

Knaphill Scarlet Each \$4.00, Three \$11.00, Doz. \$40.00

This is an English origination, a dwarf—eight-year-old specimens are not more than 18 inches high and about that measurement in width. In early spring, Knaphill Scarlet is a small mound of big vermilion-red flowers.

Stanford Red Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75, Doz. \$35.00

The buds open Geranium-red and deepen to blood red. It is excellent for cutting and it is almost thornless. Ultimate height 6 feet. Shipping stock about 2½ feet high and most will blossom their first season.

Spitfire (Patent #830) Each \$4.00, Three \$11.00

This excellent plant grows upright to 6 or 7 feet but it can be held down to 4 or 5 feet by clipping twice a year—no side pruning is necessary. Flowers are large and of deep crimson-red. Shipping stock is nearly 3 feet high

and most will bloom the first season. Note that "most"—It's hard the first season to depend upon a shrub called Spitfire.

Japonica Each \$2.50, Three \$7.00, Doz. \$25.00

This is the old favorite. It is covered with masses of coral-red flowers and recommended because it is cheap for screening or hedging.

DAPHNE CNEORUM

Cneorum is also known as The Garland Flower because of the profusion of delicately-scented, rose-pink flowers it produces. It is a low, spreading shrub which hardly ever reaches more than 12 inches in height. A splendid edging plant—like all Daphnes, it prefers full sun and well-drained soil. They will not grow in poorly drained locations. Water sparingly in summer; and in winter, if protected from the coldest weather (say 20 degrees below), the cool green leaves will remain evergreen.

Heavily budded plants, 9-12 inches tall:

Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75, Doz. \$20.00

DAPHNE SOMERSET

(Plant Patent #315)

This is a relatively recent English origination—hardy practically anywhere and does well in light shade. Its blooms, a blush pink, come in May and early June in clusters 6-8 inches long that are wonderfully fragrant. If left unclipped it grows to a height of 5 feet and will reach a width of about 4 feet. The leaves, resembling those of Boxwood, are evergreen except where temperatures are extreme. It grows best when transplanted while young and we offer potted plants which usually will bloom the first year. Much larger Daphne Somerset plants growing in big tarpaper pots can be obtained at the Sales Center.

Young potted plants: Each \$2.50, Three \$7.00, Doz. \$25.00

DEUTZIA

All Deutzias are showy flowering shrubs having extremely bushy habits of growth. In May their heavy foliage almost completely disappears under a blanket of small, frilled, bell-like flowers.

Gracilis Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00

This variety seldom reaches a height of 3 feet and is excellent as a low hedge. It is covered in May with flowers of purest white and it tolerates light shade.

Crenata Suspensa Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75, Doz. \$20.00

A new hybrid producing larger, single, snow white flowers. It grows to 4 feet and makes excellent mid-ground material for the shrub border.

EUONYMUS

This is the most versatile and easiest grown of shrubs. It has uses everywhere.

Radicans vegetus Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75, Doz. \$20.00

Trimmed, it can be grown as a shrub or hedge; left uncut and planted around the base of old trees, it will climb 30 feet or more, densely covering the trunk. As a wall cover it is in a class with ivy. You can't eat it but that's about all you can't do with it. It is evergreen and absolutely hardy. 15 to 18 inch plants.

Alatus compactus Each \$2.50, Three \$7.00, Doz. \$25.00

A dwarf (ultimate height 6 feet) with unbelievable brilliance of foliage in the autumn. It requires nothing special in soils, does well in shade, is of compact growth—all the requirements for the ideal hedge. As specimen plants in the lawn or shrub border (or in foundation plantings) they have no equal.

FORSYTHIA-SPRING GLORY

This is the Bush that grew in Brooklyn—the common varieties are everywhere and although they are quite beautiful, Spring Glory is so much more beautiful that we urge you to get it instead of accepting a chunk of root from a common variety from an obliging neighbor. Spring Glory produces twice as many flowers as common Forsythia. Also, the blossoms are larger and of a pale yellow that is more pleasing than the usual citrons. Like ordinary Forsythia, branches cut and brought indoors during January and February burst into bloom a few days later.

2 to 3 feet Each \$1.75, Three \$4.65, Doz. \$18.60

3 to 4 feet Each \$2.25, Three \$6.25, Doz. \$22.50

FORSYTHIA-LYNWOOD GOLD

This is a splendid new Irish origination that will undoubtedly replace all Forsythias of deep yellow color. Branches are erect and profusely covered with golden blossoms of unusual size. Supply limited this year.

3 to 4 feet Each \$2.25, Three \$6.25, Doz. \$22.50

FLOWERING ALMOND

Glandulosa Alba Each \$2.25, Three \$6.25

Small, very double white rosettes of flowers in great profusion in late April and early May. Ultimate height: 4 to 5 feet.

Glandulosa Rosea Each \$2.25, Three \$6.25

Very double, rose-colored form of the above.

HYDRANGEA

These useful shrubs are offered here in two types. Both are extremely hardy. The plants are not fussy but do best in full sun in well-drained locations.

Nikkō Blue

Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75, Doz. \$20.00

Huge blue cones on long canes which die down each winter.

H. Praecox

2-3 feet, Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75, Doz. \$20.00

Ultimate height of this plant is about 4 feet. Flowers are cone shaped, open pink, turn to white.

KOLKWITZIA AMABILIS

(Beauty Bush)

A favorite of pink bell-shaped flowers in June. It tolerates poor or dry sandy soil and is of easiest culture. The foliage is heavy and covers the plant to the ground. Height, 8 feet.

Each \$2.25, Three \$6.25, Six \$12.00

LONICERA

(Honeysuckle Bush)

Tatarica Alba

Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00

An upright but spreading shrub bearing white flowers in late May and June. Fragrant. An excellent shrub for screening as it reaches 10 feet.

Tatarica Rubra

Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00

Similar to above with pale pink flowers.



PHILADELPHUS (Mockorange)

Atlas (Giant Mockorange) Each \$2.50, Three \$7.00

It is the flowers that are giants, not the plants, although they will attain a considerable size if not pruned. The huge blossoms (3 inches across) are as large as Dogwood blooms and they make excellent cut flowers—so you will prune. *Philadelphus* is hardy, requiring no special culture.

Enchantment (Double) Each \$3.00, Three \$8.50

Its branches are erect and on maturity the bush rarely grows over 6 feet. The flowers, set very closely, are double and sweetly fragrant. It will grow well in light shade.

Innocence Each \$2.50, Three \$7.00

An alabaster-white mockorange producing heavily. Flowers are delicately fragrant. Height at maturity is about 6 feet.

SALIX (Willow)

French Pussy Willow Each \$1.25, Three \$3.50, Doz. \$12.00

Not the unreliable wild Pussy Willow but a fine French cultivated variety. You see branches of these selling in florist shops for \$5.00 a dozen during the later winter months. So grow them yourself. Cut the ends of branches in January or February and place in water indoors. The large, silver-pink catkins (1 to 2 inches long) will start unfolding shortly and will last in a cool room for two weeks. When planting cut the branches back to 6 inches to promote long, vigorous new canes. Keep pruning heavily each spring (after catkins have formed) or *Salix* will grow to 10 feet.

HIBISCUS (Mallow)

The following are all giant hybrids of a new strain. The immense Hollyhock-like flowers measure up to 12 inches across on stalks which rise to 6 feet. The plant kills back to the ground in winter. Crowns are hardy. They are best planted in mass some distance from the house in rich, moist but well-drained soil. Blooms come in July-August.

Snowcap Each \$3.00, Three \$7.75

A pure white.

Poinsettia Each \$3.00, Three \$7.75

Deepest red.

Satan Each \$3.00, Three \$7.75

Tall, velvety maroon.

Radiation Each \$3.00, Three \$7.75

Clear pink with darker center.

Silver Rose Each \$3.00, Three \$7.75

Pink with satin sheen, the views darker.

LILACS (The French Hybrids)

If you like the old-fashioned lilacs (and who doesn't) you'll certainly want these lovely things. The hybridizers have been working with them, particularly the great French horticulturist Lemoine, and Lilacs are now works of art. The trusses are huge and many varieties make excellent cut flowers. All of these new Lilacs come into bloom at a much younger age than the old ones.

Ambassadeur Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

Broad spikes of very large single flowers of azure-lilac lightened by a conspicuous white center.

Esther Staley Each \$5.00

This is the only pink lilac to date. Buds are red, flowers single. It is a fine and rare plant. Midseason. 2 to 3 feet. (Patented).

Charles Joly Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

Large double flower of violet color shading almost to red.

Hugo Koster Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

Double large flowers of mauve.

Macrostachia Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

Huge single flowers, truly pink.

Marie Finon Each \$4.00, Three \$11.00

Trusses covered with immense double flowers of purest alabaster white.

Waldeck Rousseau Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

Another double pink, this of most delicate tone.

Mme. Buchner Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

Large rich double pink flowers.

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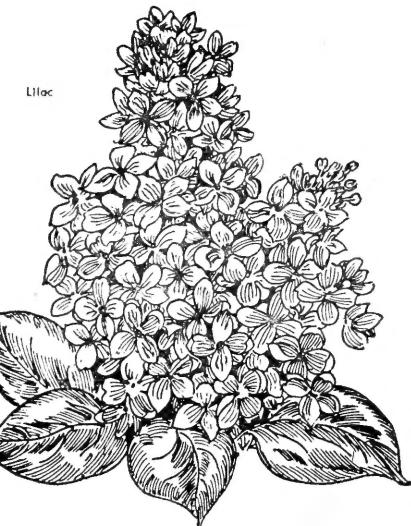
One of the most fragrant and beautiful shrubs. After flowering in the spring they make heavy mounds of dark green clear to the ground and in the fall they turn brilliantly.

Burkwoodi Each \$5.00, Three \$14.00

This new English hybrid is a most amenable plant—it thrives in sun or shady places. It is also low-growing (6 feet upon maturity) and ideal for today's smaller establishments. Flowers are produced in early spring when leaf buds are unfolding and form round, domed clusters which are fragrant enough to perfume a neighborhood. Foliage is shiny dark green in summer; turns brilliant in autumn. Shipping-size plants 2 to 3 feet. Larger specimens in Easimove pots available at the Sales Center.

Carlesi Each \$5.00, Three \$14.00

Flower domes are, of course, as fragrant as *Burkwoodi* although slightly smaller. It, too, is very hardy and easily grown. *Carlesi* reaches 10 feet upon maturity and when planted close on a line makes a sensational screen or big hedge.



SPIRAEA

A fine group of shrubs that are sun-loving but able to withstand almost any abuse in location and soil condition.

Japonica Coccinea Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75, Doz. \$20.00

This replaces the older variety Anthony Waterer. Its flowers are crimson-red. It blooms in July, normally a bare month for blooms in shrubbery. The color does not fade in the sun and if old flowers are cut off it will continue to bloom all summer. *Coccinea* reaches 3 feet in height.

Vanhouttei (Bridal Wreath) Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75, Doz. \$20.00

An arching shrub growing about 5 to 6 feet. The slender branches are covered with panicles of white flowers in late May and early June. It is not new but it is a favorite.

POTENTILLA FRUITICOSA

(Gold Drop)

We call this a mighty fine small shrub. It has compact growth, a slightly irregular mound-like shape about 2 to 2½ feet upon maturity. It is densely covered with small fernlike leaves and it blooms vigorously from early June to late October. The buttercup-like flowers are intensely golden yellow and literally stud the plant. It does best in full sun and is hardy below zero. It is a consistent and

persistent flowerer and if spaced 12 inches apart it makes the most delightful low, flowering hedge you can imagine.

Heavy-rooted Plants Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75, Doz. \$20.00

WEIGELA

Lovely shrubs flowering in May, June and July. Their Fox-glove-like flowers are borne in profusion. Most Weigela like a moist soil and should stand without competition from the shade or roots of large trees.

Avalanche 2-3 feet, Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75, Doz. \$20.00

The best white form of Weigela which grows to 5-6 feet, blooms in late spring and summer. Blossoms cover the plant.

Bristol Ruby 2-3 feet, Each \$1.75, Three \$4.75, Doz. \$17.50

Immense quantities of ruby-red flowers in the spring. The plant then blooms on and off during the rest of the season. Height at maturity is 6-7 feet. This is the best Weigela for specimen planting or forward border work.

Eva Ratke 2-3 feet, Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Doz. \$8.50

Dark rose-red flowers in the spring. Matures at 7 to 8 feet and because it grows close to the ground is fine for screening.

Garden Gadgets

Forks, hoes, rakes, spades or what common garden tools you need—we don't have them. Buy them from your favorite hardware dealer; he has as good as we can get. Over the years we have found few special-purpose garden tools that lived up to their promotions. Here are the ones we recommend.

Dutch Hook Each \$2.75

This is the small, forged, sharp weeder the Dutch use for hooking weeds out of daffodil and tulip rows. We use it for all kinds of close weeding. It has an 18-inch handle—you have to stoop. No one else has this tool.

Krasco Hand Grass Seeder Each \$4.95

A small hand tool working on the principle (centrifugal) of big farm tractor seeders. It will spread Bent and Bluegrass evenly and at the same time—something no \$15 hand-pushed seeder will do. Also, it is the only seeder that will distribute our Special Lawn Grass Seed, mostly a mixture of Fescues.

Gift Certificates

There has been a considerable demand for year-round gift certificates and we now have them. They look like money, feel like money—in fact, they are money. Buy them in any multiple of \$5.00. We'll send the recipient a catalogue.

Special Grass Seed

This mixture is composed mostly of the Fescue race—tough, hardy, creeping, shade-resisting grasses. They withstand drought better than most grasses, are not attacked, like some, by fungus diseases. The rest (15 percent) is made up of three kinds of upright Bent. There is no Kentucky Bluegrass in it. Ditto Redtop. If you are seeding a new lawn let us know and we will send you without charge enough annual rye grass to form a cover crop for these slower germinating grasses. Use this mixture sparingly but consistently. It is expensive stuff and unless you are after a fine turf you'll do better with hardware store mixtures.

5 lbs. \$13.75, 10 lbs. \$22.50, 25 lbs. \$49.50, 100 lbs. \$180.00

The Berkshire Garden Center

In a delightful setting in the rolling hills near Stockbridge, Mass., you will find The Berkshire Garden Center, one of the most delightful public gardens in this country. Its founders and backers, members of a group of New England and New York Garden Clubs, have kept it small in key with the economics of the present day which no longer permit the development of the so-called estate kind of grounds. Its individually planned gardens are all within the reach of today's pocketbook and today's labor supply (practically none). Visit The Center regularly during the season; garden ideas there are numerous and rewarding.

Notes

¶ Herewith three items that did not get into the main part of the book. The new Tritoma are highly useful and a check of stock indicates that quantities are sufficient to offer them now. Spot one for emphasis in the border or plant a group of three. Viola Cornuta were put here deliberately because we have not yet found a way to ship this plant to our satisfaction. They move best in April but at best they move badly and we suggest trying to get stock locally. On the other hand, we just forgot that our 3-year old stock of Christmas Roses is now ready. These are huge plants, ready to bloom next December.

TRITOMA (Red Hot Poker)

You won't want many of these but a few are extremely useful in the herbaceous border. Their common name is misleading (hybridizers have done wonders with them) and anyway we don't stock the red hot variety which is simply a horticultural vulgarity and not hardy.

Maid of Orleans Each \$1.15, Three \$2.90, Doz. \$8.50

Empire-yellow blooms on 36-40 inch spikes. Changes color to straw-yellow to ivory-white, July-August.

Coral Sea

Each \$1.15, Three \$2.90, Doz. \$8.50
A pastel coral-red flower overlaid with a deep rose coloring on 30 inch spikes. June-July. An interesting and good cutflower. (Patented.)

Primrose Beauty Each 90c, Three \$2.25, Doz. \$6.50
Primrose-yellow. 30 inches. June.

Vanilla Each 90c, Three \$2.25, Doz. \$6.50
Clear pale yellow. 24 inches. June. Foliage is grass-like.

VIOLA CORNUTA

(Perennial Tufted Pansies)

Anyone using good soil and plenty of water can grow these heavy bloomers. Pinch them back if they get "leggy"—they bloom at once in spring, stay blooming in hottest August and bloom again until heaviest frost.

White Perfection Three \$1.80, Doz. \$4.75
Large pure white.

Arkwright Ruby Three \$1.80, Doz. \$4.75
Bright ruby crimson with dark centers.

Jersey Gem Three \$1.80, Doz. \$4.75
Compact violet-blue.

Lutea Splendens Three \$1.80, Doz. \$4.75
Chrome yellow.

HELLEBORUS (Christmas Rose)

This strange fascinator blooms in winter, cares not a hoot about the coldest cold. Culture requires a cool, moist shady position (in the shade of trees or among ferns) and soil must be woody (mix it heavily with leaf mold and three year old cow manure; stay away from lime or inorganic fertilizers). Plenty of water is required in summer. Helleborus spreads from the crown; plant at least 12 inches apart. Do not move after the plants are established—they resent it, you're almost sure to lose them if you do.

H. Niger Each \$1.75, Three \$4.65, Doz. 18.60
These are giant plants, grown in large Easimove pots, all should bloom next year. Niger's leaves have a palm form, are evergreen and of leathery substance. In December, January or February (depending on locality) the plant throws large, single, white, bell-like flowers which last for weeks regardless of below zero cold or snow.

¶ Two magazine articles in Woman's Day were written last year by one of the partners here. One is a general piece debunking the usual bewildering gardening advice in the magazines and newspapers. The theme is that if soil will raise weeds it will probably raise plants and directions are simple. The other article is about lawns and you'll be quite tired after reading it. The point is that no substitute exists for work and money—if you want a turf instead of what people refer to as a lawn. If you are not willing to work and spend for a turf just cut the weeds which come naturally. For one (or both) just drop us a line and we will send tearsheets. No charge.

CONDITIONS OF SALE (Please Read Before Ordering)

By Mail Order (Please order early.)

1. Plants are sold only as quoted. If a per each price is not quoted, no offering of the material is made on that basis.
2. Remittances must accompany order unless an account has previously been set up. Please use checks, money orders or bank drafts —never cash. If you live in Connecticut the 2% sales tax must be added.
3. Transportation charges are not included in the purchase price. Small parcels will be sent Parcel Post prepaid and we will bill the postage to you at a later date. Most parcels (White Flower Farm's plants and shrubs are generally larger than material usually offered by catalogue) are sent express collect.
4. Due to high labor and packaging costs a service charge of 35 cents must be added to all orders under \$5.00.
5. We ship all plants, roses, shrubs and bulbs at a time when they are best planted in your locality. Because some plants can only be transplanted at specified times two or three shipments may be required to fill your order.
6. The replacement policy of White Flower Farm is liberal. The majority of our customers are advanced gardeners who know how to take care of flowering material and as a consequence we have very little replacing to do. However, if a shipment reaches you damaged or in bad condition (the date it leaves The Farm is plainly marked on each package) please let us know at once. It will be replaced immediately. All other complaints or problems should be brought to our attention within 30 days, if possible.
7. When reporting errors in orders (and we make some), please give DATE of ORDER and ORDER NUMBER. Helps us find it faster. And please include your name and address—there are a surprising number of people who forget this.
8. We reserve the right to reject orders for field-grown bare root material if, in our opinion, the distance or delivery time is so long

that this premium stock might suffer deterioration in transit. Parcel post and express service are about half as good as they were pre-war and this sharply restricts shipment of field-grown stock like Delphinium, Columbine, Lilacs, etc. Potted plants (like Chrysanthemums) are not a problem and generally can be shipped safely anywhere.

9. We urge you to permit us to substitute if material is sold out and cannot be back-ordered for planting the next season. We will send you the nearest variety to the ordered material, taking particular care that color and season of bloom are the same and that habits of growth are similar. Substitutions cause no particular difficulty in bulbs or flowering plants. We will not substitute in the flowering shrub and small tree category but will back-order the material or refund your money.

At the Sales Center

1. Material that must be dug for you in the gardens is sold only as quoted herein. If a per each price is not quoted, no offering of the material is made on that basis. All other plants, shrubs, roses, and bulbs are sold as marked in The Sales Center.
2. We dig for "carry-away" bareroot orders only on Monday and Friday. These orders are ready for Tuesday and Saturday. This is a necessary and inflexible rule (applying to both retail and wholesale accounts) during the busy spring and fall seasons. The planting of next year's crops must go on without interruption.
3. Orders requiring digging must be paid for in advance.
4. No replacements can be made on *Easimove* plants unless we are notified within two weeks. They are healthy, vigorous material when purchased from The Sales Center and failures with them are rarely traced to the plant.
5. No replacements can be made on cut flowers bought at The Sales Center. They are guaranteed to be not over 24 hours old and have been specially conditioned for at least 12 hours in our refrigerator.



